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Colby's blast

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I had a visitor when the radio news was on and caught only part of the report of Colby's counterattack on criticism as unpatriotic and dangerous to the national security.

Lil has to see Mr. Maio, so we're accepting a delayed dinner invitation. This means I'll miss the TV news, which might show me his face and have more of his words and the Establishmentarian attitude.

I think we need the full text, not just the excerpts a reporter or desk man believe newsworthy. Especially not restricted to what the Post will use. If you can get it without much trouble there may be many uses. Or needs.

It was inevitable, so we can't blame it on the nuts who have worried us. Their value to the spooks and their partisans lies elsewhere, in giving a semblance of credibility to such complaints.

When Rockefeller/Belin issue their whitewash this nuttiness may be and I believe will be more important.

But if I were Colby I'd be using it now - unless they have reason to expect more of it - to help the partisans by giving them more than "national security" to chop with.

It is conspicuous to me that there has been no more from Gregory/Robert/Schoenman. They had promised more. I know it was to have included the Ex 133 A & B work Newcomb did for me. I have seen no such story. As recently as today, when he discussed the forensic-sciences meeting he covered, Finley had nothing new from them. Except Gregory's unavailability. Larry has not gotten any response to numerous calls asking for an interview.

(He may interview me on this if Gregory will ^{not} be interviewed, with the angle this is inevitable when there is no real investigation. He mentioned this in a letter covering more of the paranoid, subject to my approval. I made no reference to it after getting the letter and he didn't ask.)

Off the top, if anything like this eventuates - and I've not had time to think it through - I think the line might well be why have then not responded to WW IV?

Why are they silent in the face of such charges?

Why do they leave such questions unaddressed?

When they do not address such significant questions what else are people to do but assume the worst? What other explanation is there for the layman? Etc.

Have you any ideas, assuming one has a chance to be heard?

8:30 p.m. Fred Thompson was in the midst of his angled blast against the NYTimes on All Things Considered, NPR's evening news, when we got in the car leaving Lil's office. At the end the announcer said Harvey Liebengott, one of Thompson's WC minority counsel, had also had his say. We didn't hear HL and only heard part of Thompson, enough to get the line. This was followed by Lofton's ridicule from the right, a Gregorian variation about a guy who claimed the CIA had let a four-foot humanoid from outer space die and had kept 12 on ice at Wright-Patterson field after their craft crashed. (Ike had also rouched it.) Ipso facto all these nutty and extreme attacks on the CIA are endangering all national security, etcetcetc.